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A request for invalidation of said Finnish patent cited several references, listed below, which were provided with the request and are being disclosed to the Patent and Trademark Office as information that may be material to the examination of the above-identified patent application.

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"Method For Computer Design of Diffractive Optical Elements" Edited by V. Soifer, John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., New York, New York 2002, 652-657, 670-671

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